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In re Application of:)
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Stephen GIRARDIN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653
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Serial No.: 10/808,735) Examiner: Robert A. Wax
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For: A METHOD FOR MODULATING)
NOD1 ACTIVITY, USE OF A MTP)
RELATED MOLECULE FOR)
MODULATING NOD1 ACTIVITY,)
AND THERAPEUTIC)
APPLICATIONS THEREOF)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated November 15, 2005, the Examiner required
restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among:

- I. Claims 1-5, drawn to method for modulating Nod1 activity comprising
expressing Nod1 and contacting with a molecule related to MTP;
- II. Claims 6-8, drawn to method for modulating inflammation and/or
apoptosis comprising administering a molecule related to MTP;
- III. Claims 9-14, 17 and 25, drawn to a molecule related to MTP and
compositions thereof;
- IV. Claim 15, drawn to method for enhancing the immune response of a host
comprising administering an antigen and a compound from Group III;

- V. Claims 16 and 19, drawn to method for providing an immune response in a host comprising administering a composition from Group III;
- VI. Claim 18, drawn to method of vaccination comprising administering a composition from Group III;
- VII. Claim 20, drawn to method for detecting the dysfunction of a molecule of the inflammatory and/or apoptosis pathway in which Nod1 is involved including use of MTP;
- VIII. Claim 21, drawn to method for screening a molecule which is capable of modulating an inflammatory and/or apoptotic response obtained after direct or indirect interaction between Nod1 and MTP;
- IX. Claim 22, drawn to molecule identified by the screening process of claim 21, unclassifiable since no chemical structure is specified;
- X. Claim 23, drawn to method for modulation of inflammation and/or apoptosis comprising administering a molecule identified by the screening process of Group VIII;
- XI. Claim 24, drawn to complex of Nod1 and MTP;
- XII. Claims 26-29, drawn to method for detecting peptidoglycan from Gram-negative bacteria employing Nod1;
- XIII. Claims 30-33, drawn to method for the detection of peptidoglycan in a sample and optionally determining the Gram-negative or Gram-positive bacterial (sic) origin of said peptidoglycan employing Nod1; and

XIV. Claim 34, drawn to method for screening [for] a molecule that modulates interaction between Gram-negative bacteria peptidoglycan and Nod1 comprising contacting with Nod1.

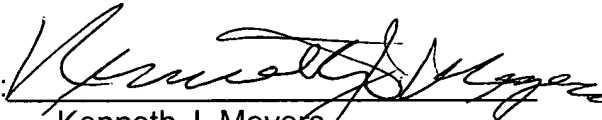
Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group 1, claims 1-5, drawn to method for modulating Nod1 activity comprising expressing Nod1 and contacting with a molecule related to MTP.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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